

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life Held on Friday,
15 October 1993 at 12 noon in AD-131, Loyola Campus.**

Present: Dr. D.L. Boisvert, Chair; Mr. H. Zarins; Mr. V. Pavlicik; Mr. B.T. Counihan; Mr. P. Dalton; Mr. A. Ghaemi; Ms. L. Grimes; Mr. R. Côté; Ms. C. Fortier; Ms. A. Kerby; Mr. K. Lowther; Ms. N. Torbit; Ms. J. Davis; Ms. J. Brown; Ms. L. Nicholson; Mr. D. Leibu; Dr. B. Litner.

Absent: Dr. S.M. Graub; Mr. A. Switzer.

Guest: Ms. S. Maynes, Assistant to the Vice-Rector, Services

1. **Approval of Agenda:** On a motion by Mr. Ghaemi, seconded by Mr. Lowther, the agenda for the meeting was approved.
2. **Remarks from the Chair:** a) Dr. Boisvert mentioned the situation regarding the Stinger football player who tested positive for illegal substance abuse, and advised Council that Mr. Zarins will be addressing the issue in his Director's report. b) Council was informed that in the 4th of November issue of the CTR, a supplement will be published. The supplement is a report prepared by Mr. Lowther offering a student perspective of the two-year accomplishments of the Student Services sector. c) Recently, the Associate Vice-Rector, Services (Student Life) re-assigned Student Services portfolios among the directorate as follows:

Ms. A. Kerby	-	Marketing
Mr. R. Côté &		
Dr. S.M. Graub	-	Student Life Research
Mr. B.T. Counihan	-	Assessment & Evaluation
Ms. N. Torbit	-	Professional Development
Mr. H. Zarins	-	Budget

3. **Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mr. Zarins, with a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention, the minutes for the meeting of 17 September 1993 were approved.
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** a) **Appointments to CCSL Committees and Working Groups:** Council was advised that student appointments have been made to the Planning and Resources Committee. The Graduate Student Association has officially appointed Mr. Lowther as representative to this Committee, and Mr. Plamadon will be the graduate student representative on the Student Projects Sub-Committee. Mr. Ghaemi will provide Ms. Chegrinec with a full slate of appointments for the undergraduate requirements.

Council agreed that Ms. Fortier would be the staff representative on the

Planning and Resources Committee, and Mr. Pavlicik would be the staff representative on the Annual Review Task Force.

b) Guest: Ms. Shirley Maynes, Assistant to Vice-Rector, Services: Dr. Boisvert introduced Ms. Maynes and opened the floor up to a discussion of the questions that were raised at the last Council meeting under Student Life Issues.

Parking: Ms. Maynes informed Council that, at this time, no consideration is being given to providing a student rate for parking in the McConnell Building. The situation will be reviewed in the spring and, at that time, Dr. Boisvert will be advised and any input from Council will be considered. The issue of parking tickets for Loyola was also clarified - \$2.00 tickets are available from Security on both campuses.

Bike racks: Ms. Maynes was advised that the present racks are not appropriate for the correct securing of bikes, and she will review the situation.

Cafeteria Food: Ms. Grimes raised the need for a forum for students to meet with Marriott to discuss food issues - menus, quality, etc. Ms. Maynes informed Council that, along with Marriott, she had been meeting with a Food Committee at the Fine Arts building, and suggested that CUSA form such a committee and contact her to schedule a meeting or a series of regular meetings.

The line-ups and traffic flow problems caused by the Tim Horton's stand on the mezzanine of the Hall Building were raised, and Council was advised that a solution to the problem was being sought.

Ms. Maynes, along with Marriott, will examine the issue of providing kosher food.

Bookstore: A request for an extension of hours - ideally on a Wednesday or Thursday - evening was tabled.

Ms. Maynes agreed to discuss the following concerns with the Manager of the Bookstore:

- only half of orders placed for some courses;
- a better return for used books;
- interface with the library.

As a result of the discussion, important issues were raised: the buy back on used books is very low due to professors requesting the latest editions which may have been changed by a word or a sentence, making the used book obsolete. It was suggested that a copy of each book be available in the Library;

it would appear though that some professors refuse to place their own books with the library insisting that the students buy them (it seems that in some cases the professor is the author of the required text).

Council agreed that the Chair would follow up on this issue by forwarding a letter to the Deans requesting that faculty members be sensitized to the financial constraints of students when they are setting their booklists. Concerns expressed by Mr. Dalton will be incorporated into the letter. Mr. Côté will provide budgetary percentages for information.

Dr. Litner suggested that faculty members could ask for complimentary copies of the required texts from the publishers, to make available to students.

Smoking:

Responding to concerns raised by the students regarding reports of "undercover security" approaching students and using intimidation tactics, Ms. Maynes informed Council that, for a trial period, three days per week, extra security was hired to monitor the situation, notably in the Hall Building cafeteria, where smoking is a major problem. Ms. Maynes stated that the University has been designated a smoke-free environment and, as such, the issue of "smoking rooms" is not open for discussion.

The enforcement of the policy is one which is being examined, and a method of fining is being looked into which would be tied to Student Accounts. The student representatives on CCSL agreed that a system of fine collection has to be found, but were adamant that it should not be piggy-backed onto Student Accounts. They suggested that the Code of Conduct (Non-Academic) be used in some way. It was also suggested that if the physical space involved - the Hall Building Cafeteria - was cleaned up and made more presentable, people would be less inclined to treat the area "as an ashtray".

Ms. Maynes agreed to look into all the issues that were raised and provide a report for the Chair to table at the next CCSL meeting. Sincere thanks were expressed to Ms. Maynes.

Mr. Leibu raised the issue of the space allocation for the SAE which is presently in the garage of the Hall Building. More information will be forthcoming from the Department of Space Planning and Development.

5. Human Development Model: Dr. Boisvert reiterated the basic premise of the document and opened the floor to discussion. The new CCSL members had some valid concerns and comments which were explained and noted. It was agreed that the document needs editing in some sections, but its immediate purpose was to aid in the professional development aspect of Student

Services as well as in the assessment and evaluation of programmes.

Mr. Leibu moved that the document be endorsed by Council, and, when the appropriate editing and specific implementation recommendations are ready, that it be sent to appropriate individuals throughout the University for their information. Seconded by Mr. Counihan, with a vote of 10 yeas, 2 nays and 1 abstention, the motion was carried.

6. Report from Planning and Resources Committee: Ms. Torbit Co-Chair, hopes to report at the next meeting.
7. Student Life Issues: Mr. Côté will review options regarding the waiting period for emergency loan meetings, and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Leibu asked if Council would be prepared to review a proposal on teacher evaluation. Council agreed, but suggested that the proposal be tabled through the Planning and Resources Committee.

Ms. Fortier will ascertain the situation of international students being charged interest on outstanding fees and report back to Council.

8. New Business: Dr. Litner advised Council that student groups from her Organizational Development course are, once again, available to assist other departments with their course projects.

A notice will be going out advising the community that the University will not close on 25 October, election day.

9. Reports from Directors: Recreation & Athletics: Mr. Zarins distributed a press release regarding the situation of the Stinger footballer who tested positive for steroids, and reported to Council on the support measures that have been offered to the player and his family. The recreational programmes are underway and have proven so popular, the demand exceeds the existing capabilities of the area. A lot of homecoming events have been planned for the upcoming weekend, and finally, the feasibility study for the expanded recreational facilities has been launched.

Health Services: As a follow-up to Mr. Zarins' report, Ms. Torbit reported on the findings that alcohol and substance abuse have increased on University campuses. She also reported on Aids Awareness Week; that condoms are now available in some vending machines - (she was asked to advertise this as it appears that it was not known by the students), and the flu vaccine is now available.

Dean of Students: Mr. Counihan distributed the most recent copy of The

Bridge. Following up on a suggestion, Excelsior will be sent to all Council members. Responding to Mr. Leibu, Mr. Counihan confirmed that a meeting of the Orientation Committee will be held before month-end, and a priority item will be the recommendation of a permanent source of funding.

Financial & Awards: Mr. Côté reported that as a follow-up to a request at the last meeting, hsi office was undertaking a review of student aid disbursement practices with an aim of improving access to services in peak periods. The Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards Reception was held 23 September. Three peer helpers are presently being trained for the student debt loan counselling programme. He then provided statistics to show that the volume of activity has risen sharply in the month of September, and information workshops are being offered daily to students who need assistance in applying for bursaries or who want to verify or forecast their aid need assessment.

Advocacy & Support Services: Ms. Kerby reported an increase in aggressive behaviour towards the Women's Centre. A government grant of \$10,000 has been received for Disabled Services. Ms. Nicholson volunteered to be the undergraduate representative on the Advisory Health and Safety Committee.

10. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held Friday, 19 November 1993, 12:00 noon in the Hall Building, room 771, SGW campus.
11. Termination of Meeting: On a motion by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Ms. Fortier, the meeting was terminated.